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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins will be among the first to be released from captivity during the period of 5 to 29 October 1988. Past efforts by the Secretary General of the United Nations (UN), Perez de Cuellar, to obtain the release of Higgins based on the latter's affiliation with the UN, have been a source of disappointment to the Secretary General. LTC Higgins remains quartered at the Syrian headquarters located immediately north of the Beirut International Airport.

The sequential order of release of the hostages remains substantially unchanged. The last hostages to be released will be Sutherland, Waite and Terry Anderson, in that order.

The Tunisian/Indian name of "Culdenara" denotes and implies that representatives of many countries provide (actively) unsolicited political efforts as well as financial contributions that facilitate the release of the hostages, particularly Higgins.

The name "Dabawhwa" is associated with the concept of "supplies Higgins." (Repeated attempts to clarify this statement were unsuccessful).

An Israeli of political stature and significance with the name "Heowitz" (phonetic) obtains information of a confidential nature that assists in the ultimate release of Higgins.

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SESSION NUMBER: 34

DATE OF SESSION: 4 OCT 88 DATE OF REPORT: 4 OCT 88

START: 1012

END: 1110

METHODOLOGY: WRV

VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

- 1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Update status of hostages and their anticipated release from captivity. Emphasize USMC LTC Higgins, the other US hostages, and Terry Waite.
- 2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Viewer tasked with requirements contained in Para 1, above.
- 3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: No inclemencies noted. A Summary of Information is attached. Newspaper article related to the release of Singh is 8808-C. Incongruity of a televised photograph of Álan Steen in apparent good health distracted the facilitator. Steen and Ciccipio were reportedly in bad health and on the verge of being dumped in an Israeli friendly area along the south Lebanese/Israeli border.
- 4. (S/NF/SK) EVALUATION:

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